

Powell made that statement again. And not having had the opportunity because he left early, I was stunned by that particular remark. I do not know any Member in this body that had these different reports. With the caveats and the qualifiers, what we got was something different, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. STRICKLAND. We cannot even find out who served on the Vice President's energy task force, let alone have access to all the intelligence that the President has available.

Mr. INSLEE. Mr. Speaker, let me make a point, because I think it is important. It is not just this nuclear threat. As the gentlemen know, Condoleezza Rice made repeated references to the mushroom cloud, which is a most disturbing image to all of us having suffered through September 11, and a real potential threat from Iran and North Korea. But it is not just the nuclear threat, but the American people were not given the full scoop in this regard.

The gentlemen will recall when the President and others made repeated references to the unmanned aerial vehicles that they told us was a threat to the continental United States, that Iraq could fly over American cities and spray biological material over the United States and none of us can always ever eliminate any threat. Today somebody may be planning to do that today as we speak. I do not want to be Pollyanna-ish about this, but the President told us that our intelligence services were telling us that was going on.

According to this article, let me tell the gentlemen what the United States Air Force was telling the President of the United States. What it said was: "The Air Force does not agree that Iraq is developing UAVs, unmanned aerial vehicles, primarily intended to be delivery platforms for chemical and biological warfare, CBW agents. The small size of Iraq's new UAV strongly suggests a primary role of reconnaissance, although CBW delivery is an inherent capability." We were told that Iraq was developing these weapons that could fly over Philadelphia and spray biological and anthrax over it when the Air Force was telling the President of the United States they did not believe that was the case.

Let me finish one more point. During our national debate, I respected the President of the United States' statement that Saddam Hussein was a tyrant and a thug and was massively abusive to his own people, and perhaps he rightfully argued that he believed preemptive action was appropriate. That is an argument we would respect and listen to. But during this national debate, before this President sent our citizens to die in the sands of Iraq, he did not owe us 30 percent of the truth. He did not owe us 75 percent of the truth. He owed us the whole truth and nothing but the truth. Hans Blix, who was defamed mightily by this administration prior to this war, I think said it

best when he got this information. He said, "We deserve more than what a car salesman might give."

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We deserve the whole truth."

If these reports are accurate, again, I have not seen these, but I read about them in the newspaper, if these reports are accurate, we need to get to the bottom of what happened here. That is why this commission that the President has appointed needs to take it upon itself not only to look at the bureaucracy at the Central Intelligence Agency, but they need to know why the President of the United States and his administration was not entirely forthcoming about the intelligence in this regard.

Mr. DELAHUNT. You know what I would like to do? I would commend for reading, to those that are watching us have this conversation tonight, this Newsweek article. It is the publication of November 17, 2003, 4 or 5 months ago. Obviously, this is a picture of the Vice President, and it is entitled "How Dick Cheney Sold the War: The Inside Story."

Again, I think we and the citizens have an obligation to do as much homework as we can to fully understand the reality. Those points that the gentleman made, I have heard them on the floor today. Earlier the President went to Poland and spoke about those two mobile trailers that allegedly were being used in a bio-weapon program. The CIA refuted that. Again, it is important to be accurate.

It is interesting, everybody in Washington at least knows and the American people should know that there has been tension within the administration between the Vice President on one side and Secretary Powell on the other side. If I had had an opportunity today, I was going to ask the Secretary if this story in The Washington Post was accurate.

There was a lengthy article; and it was, again, published on February 1 of this year. If you remember, when Secretary Powell went before the United Nations, what the article relates is that he was very careful and thorough in terms of what he believed to be accurate intelligence, and he had this CIA analyst come in and discuss it with him.

The CIA originally drafted his speech, which then went to the White House. But when it emerged, it looked entirely different. The Vice President's chief of staff, one individual by the name of Scooter Libby, and his National Security Advisor, Stephen Hadley, and other national security staffers had produced draft language for Powell, 45 pages on weapons of mass destruction, 38 pages on alleged links to terrorism, and 16 pages on Iraq's human rights abuses. Within 1 day, Powell's task force had largely abandoned the 45-page document on Iraq's weapons of mass destruction produced by Cheney's office and the National Se-

curity Council, using instead a classified National Intelligence Estimate assembled by the CIA in October.

Again, let me suggest this: a vision and a view and an ideology that had a conclusion and was looking for facts. We all know in the selection of facts, and, again, this can be done without even a conscious intent to deceive, but the attempt to make the case like lawyers do in a courtroom. But this is not a courtroom; this is not advocacy.

But, again, I was going to ask the Secretary, was that report true. When that speech that he had prepared had come out of the White House, out of the Vice President's office, changed so dramatically, did he abandon it and go and rely on the National Intelligence Estimate?

Do you know what? The American people have a right to know that process, the world has a right to know that process, because that was a presentation to the world by the representative of the United States to the world.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. HONDA (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for February 10 and the balance of the week on account of personal reasons.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. GUTIERREZ) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. HINCHEY, for 5 minutes, today.
 Mr. BROWN of Ohio, for 5 minutes, today.
 Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.
 Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.
 Mr. EMANUEL, for 5 minutes, today.
 Mr. LIPINSKI, for 5 minutes, today.
 Mr. DEFazio, for 5 minutes, today.
 Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.
 Mr. GUTIERREZ, for 5 minutes, today.
 Mr. SKELTON, for 5 minutes, today.
 Mr. CONYERS, for 5 minutes, today.
 Mr. COOPER, for 5 minutes, today.
 Mr. STRICKLAND, for 5 minutes, today.
 Mr. HOFFEL, for 5 minutes, today.
 Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.
 Mr. McDERMOTT, for 5 minutes, today.
 Mr. BLUMENAUER, for 5 minutes, today.
 (The following Members (at the request of Mr. GINGREY) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)
 Mr. GILCHREST, for 5 minutes, today.
 Mr. PENCE, for 5 minutes, today.
 Mr. SOUDER, for 5 minutes, today.
 Mr. BURGESS, for 5 minutes, today.
 Mr. GINGREY, for 5 minutes, today.
 Mr. KIRK, for 5 minutes, today.

SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The SPEAKER announced his signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 610. An act to amend the provisions of title 5, United States Code, to provide for workforce flexibilities and certain Federal personnel provisions relating to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. STRICKLAND. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly, pursuant to the previous order of the House of today, the House stands adjourned until 4 p.m. on Saturday, February 14, 2004, unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its adoption of House Concurrent Resolution 361, in which case the House shall stand adjourned pursuant to that concurrent resolution.

Thereupon (at 9 o'clock and 50 minutes p.m.), pursuant to the previous order of the House of today, the House adjourned until 4 p.m. on Saturday, February 14, 2004, unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its adoption of House Concurrent Resolution 361, in which case the House shall stand adjourned pursuant to that concurrent resolution.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS,
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Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

6728. A letter from the Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral Patricia A. Tracey, United States Navy, and her advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

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6730. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's final report to Congress on Human Papillomavirus, as required by Public Law 106-554; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6731. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting as required by section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), and section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), and pursuant to Executive Order 13313 of July 31, 2003, a six-month periodic report of the national emergency with respect to Iraq that was declared in Executive Order 12722 of August 2, 1990; to the Committee on International Relations.

6732. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (RIN: 1400-Z) received February 5, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C.

801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on International Relations.

6733. A letter from the General Counsel, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Government Reform.

6734. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Security Zone; General Dynamics, Electric Boat Corporation, Groton, CT [CGD01-03-012] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received February 4, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6735. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety and Security Zones; New York Marine Inspection Zone and Captain of the Port Zone [CGD01-03-036] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received February 4, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6736. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Security Zone; Captain of the Port Milwaukee Zone, Lake Michigan [CGD09-03-277] (RIN: 2115-AA97) received February 4, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6737. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Security and Safety Zone; Protection of Large Passenger Vessels, Puget Sound, WA [CGD13-03-018] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received February 4, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6738. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Security and Safety Zone; Protection of Large Passenger Vessels, Puget Sound, WA; Correction [CGD13-03-018] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received February 4, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6739. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Drawbridge Operating Regulation; Upper Mississippi River, Louisiana, Missouri [CGD08-03-050] (RIN: 1625-AA09) received February 4, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6740. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Hoquiam River, Aberdeen, WA [CGD13-04-001] received February 4, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6741. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Southern Branch of the Elizabeth River, Chesapeake, VA [CGD05-04-010] (RIN: 1625-AA09) received February 4, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6742. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Intracoastal Waterway, Beach Thorofare, NJ [CGD05-04-002] received

February 4, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6743. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Berwick Bay, Morgan City, LA [CGD08-04-003] received February 4, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6744. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting a draft bill entitled the "Abandoned Mine Reclamation Program Extension and Reform Act of 2004"; jointly to the Committees on Resources and Ways and Means.

6745. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's 2003 annual report on the recommendations received from the National Transportation Safety Board regarding transportation safety, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 1135(d); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6746. A letter from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting a report identifying accounts containing unvouchered expenditures that are potentially subject to audit by the Comptroller General, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3524(b); jointly to the Committees on the Budget, Appropriations, and Government Reform.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON
PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. BOEHLERT: Committee on Science. H.R. 912. A bill to authorize the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to establish an awards program in honor of Charles "Pete" Conrad, astronaut and space scientist, for recognizing the discoveries made by amateur astronomers of asteroids with near-Earth orbit trajectories; with an amendment (Rept. 108-418). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. BOEHLERT: Committee on Science. H.R. 3389. A bill to amend the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980 to permit Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Awards to be made to nonprofit organizations (Rept. 108-419). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. SENSENBRENNER: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 1997. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, and the Uniform Code, of Military Justice to protect unborn children from assault, and murder, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 108-420 Pt. 1).

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 2 of the rule XII the Committee on Armed Services discharged from further consideration. H.R. 1997 referred to Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed.

REPORTED BILL SEQUENTIALLY
REFERRED

Under clause 2 of rule XII, bills and reports were delivered to the Clerk for printing, and bills referred as follows:

Mr. SENSENBRENNER: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 3261. A bill to prohibit the